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you can draw a conclusion. If the rate of those illnesses has dropped, then you can form a conclusion. But this stuff of people battling back and forth with statistics that cannot be really proved, one way or the other, is a little shakier than what I'm suggesting. But I am going to support...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...Senator Landis' amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Items for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, an announcement. Natural Resources is having an Executive Session now in Room 2022. Committee on Enrollment and Review reports LB 36, LB 404, LB 404A, LB 78, LB 205, LB 548, LB 559, LB 496, LB 849, LB 687, LB 687A to Select File, some of those having Enrollment and Review amendments attached. That's all that I had, Mr. President. Thank you. (See pages 1414-1420 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I have always, always had a strong stand on taxation and I think you'll notice, if you look at the record, that I have a name on every tax reduction bill that probably has been introduced this session. And, yet, I also have a strong commitment to life and its preciousness and a strong commitment to children, because I believe it's the responsibility of adults to protect children. And so I had two diametrically opposed value systems that clashed on this bill and I'd like to share with you how I wrestled through it because it truly was a wrestling. I was very concerned about children. I was also concerned about adults. I have never yet met a smoker who said to their children, please go out and start, let me teach you how. No, they said, please don't start this terrible habit; I have struggled, I have tried to quit; I have paid the cost financially, I've paid it with my health, I've paid it with just a habit that controls my life; I have to leave the office to go out and smoke; I have to stop in the middle of a dinner because I have to have this nicotine. And they struggle and they don't want to see their children or their neighbors' children struggle